



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 29, 2003

### **S. 625**

### **Tualatin River Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
on May 21, 2003*

S. 625 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a feasibility study of the Tualatin River Basin water supply. The study would identify ways to meet future water supply needs and to improve water quality, as well as water conservation and storage measures.

Based on information from the bureau, CBO estimates that the total cost of the feasibility study would be \$7 million. Under the bill, 50 percent of the cost would be paid by the federal government. To date, the bureau has spent about \$200,000 on initial parts of the study. CBO estimates that implementing S. 625 would cost an additional \$3 million over the 2004-2008 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 625 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 625 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any state or local government choosing to participate in this study would do so voluntarily.

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